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I called on Etzel this morning, extended the invitation for his American visit, and discussed German problems with him.

E., Tommy and myself went to the lovely cure town of Monford and took lunch there at the Hotel Grand Chef. Had a delicious poté de la maison, and bottles of both Luxembourg and German Moselle, the latter much the better.

This afternoon I called on Coppet, the Belgian Vice President of the High Authority. He discussed Van Zeeland's four principal objections to the European Political Community treaty text. I concentrated on attempting to point out the danger of increasing the powers of the Council of National Ministers at the expense of the powers conferred upon the Executive Authority. This would lead to Confederation. I think he was impressed by the argument. I then went to see ^{Spierenberg} ~~Spierenberg~~ and talked to him about his American trip.

We took the 6:35 p.m. train to Paris and reached home after midnight. Today has been very hot and sultry.

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